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BOARD OF MANAGERS, 1898–99.

Mr. EDWARD B. REYNOLDS, *President*, 67 Walnut Park.
Mrs. THOMAS J. HOMER, *Vice-President*, Brookline.
Mrs. C. EDWIN MILES, *Vice-President*, 126 Warren Street.
Mr. JOSEPH G. SHED, *Treasurer*, 27 Fountain Street.
Mrs. CHARLES H. PLIMPTON, *Secretary*, 35 Waverley Street.
Mr. FRANCIS J. WARD, *Auditor*, 37 Winthrop Street.

Wm. A. Paine.
John Carr.
Thomas J. Homer.
Henry Wood.
Miss Lucy A. Nevers.
Miss Sarah D. H. White.
Mrs. Francis J. Ward.
Mrs. Lucina F. Tripp.
Mrs. John Carr.
Mrs. Edwin Waite.
Mrs. Solomon A. Bolster.
Mrs. Charles H. Bolles.
Mrs. Lewis W. Morse.
Mrs. Eugene H. Clapp.
Mrs. Lewis J. Bird.

Mrs. Charles F. Copeland.
Mrs. Wesley Ireson.
Mrs. Julian K. Smythe.
Mrs. Samuel H. Hunneman.
Mrs. Henry B. Dennison.
Mrs. William Barton.
Miss Jennie McIntosh.
Miss Annie F. Reynolds.
Mrs. Annie F. Jarvis.
Mrs. Henry Revere.
Mrs. Henry Basford.
Mrs. John S. Kemp.
Mrs. Phineas B. Smith.
Mrs. Theodore M. Plimpton.
Mrs. Freeman Wight.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Edward B. Reynolds,	67 Walnut Park
John Carr,	80 Elm Hill Avenue
Francis J. Ward,	37 Winthrop Street
Henry Wood,	The Warren
William A. Paine,	181 Walnut Avenue
Thomas J. Homer,	4 Linwood Street
Joseph G. Shed,	27 Fountain Street

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

Mrs. Thomas J. Homer,	Brookline
Mrs. C. Edwin Miles,	126 Warren Street
Mrs. Lewis W. Morse,	22 Alaska Street
Mrs. Julian K. Smythe,	26 Montrose Street

COMMITTEE ON FURNISHING AND REPLENISHING.

Miss Annie F. Reynolds. Miss Jennie McIntosh.
Mrs. Lucina F. Tripp. Mrs. John S. Kemp.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Mrs. Francis J. Ward. Mrs. Solomon A. Bolster. Mrs. John Carr.

COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Henry Wood. John Carr. Joseph G. Shed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Charles F. Copeland. Mrs. Eugene H. Clapp.
Mrs. William Barton.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

April.

Mrs. Kemp,	32 Walton Street, Dorchester
Mrs. Smith,	82 Howland Street

May.

Mrs. Basford,	51 Green Street, Jamaica Plain
Mrs. Miles,	126 Warren Street

June.

Mrs. WIGHT, ... 21 Mayfair Street
Mrs. WARD, ... 37 Winthrop Street

July.

Miss MCINTOSH, ... 2859 Washington Street
Mrs. HUNNEMAN, ... 7 Perrin Street

August.

Mrs. BOLLES, ... Weymouth Heights
Mrs. BARTON, ... 52 Winthrop Street

September.

Mrs. WAITE, ... 125 Stanwood Street, Dorchester
Mrs. CARR, ... 80 Elm Hill Avenue

October.

Mrs. SMYTHE, ... 26 Montrose Street
Mrs. IRESON, ... 36 Moreland Street

November.

Mrs. CLAPP, ... 3 Rockland Street
Mrs. PLIMPTON, ... 7 Hawthorn Street

December.

Mrs. BOLSTER, ... 10 Cobden Street
Mrs. DENNISON, ... 45 Townsend Street

January.

Miss WHITE, ... 2 Highland Street
Mrs. REVERE, ... 76 Thornton Street

February.

Mrs. MORSE, ... 22 Alaska Street
Mrs. COPELAND, ... 331 Walnut Avenue

March.

Miss REYNOLDS, ... 13 Kenilworth Street
Mrs. JARVIS, ... 36 Moreland Street

EXTRA VISITORS.

Miss LUCY NEVERS, ... 14 Perrin Street
Mrs. LUCINA F. TRIPP, ... 27 Whiting Street
Mrs. LEWIS J. BIRD, ... 615 Warren Street

ANNUAL REPORT.

During the season of 1897–98 the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Managers have been held at the Home on Burton Avenue the third Tuesday of each month from September to May inclusive.

In the sudden death of our honored President, the Rev. Solon W. Bush, which occurred March 19, 1898, the Home has sustained a great loss. His efficient service and cheerful presence will be greatly missed at our meetings.

At a special meeting of the Board of Managers the following resolutions were adopted: —

Whereas, in the departure of the Rev. Solon W. Bush, the venerable and long-time President of the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women, we desire to express our high appreciation of his services, our sense of loss, and our regard for his character,— therefore, be it

Resolved, That he was so efficient in his work, so judicious in his counsel, so devoted to every interest of the Home, that our loss will be long deplored, and seems irreparable; while his humane and sympathetic bearings for those whom he served and the true Christian spirit that prompted him in all his duties won for him the highest regards of his associates.

Resolved, That we tenderly condole with the family of the departed in the removal from them of one so beloved and honored, and commend them to the consolations of Him who dealeth best with his children.

Resolved, That this testimonial of our sympathy and appreciation be forwarded to the family of the departed.

Other changes in our Board of Management during the past year have been the resignation of Mr. Robert Fairbairn as Auditor and Mrs. Lewis J. Bird, who had so efficiently served as Secretary for the last three years. These positions have been filled by Dr. C. Edwin Miles and Mrs. C. H. Plimpton.

Among the alterations in the house have been the division of some of the larger rooms and the renewal of the plumbing. Our family consists at present of thirty-two members. Two have died during the year,— Miss Lydia Learned, aged eighty-two years, eleven months, and Miss Eliza Brereton, aged seventy-nine years, eleven months. Three have been admitted,— Miss Lucy Ann Forsaine and Miss Mary Ann Nichols in June, 1897, and Mrs. Lydia Ann Downes in December, 1897.

At the annual meeting in April, 1897, the Treasurer having been authorized by a vote of the Board to purchase a burial lot at Forest Hills, a suitable one was selected, situated on Citron Avenue; and a bowlder of Roxbury stone, with bronze tablet inserted, has been erected as a monument. We wish to thank our many friends for their expressions of kindness and good will, especially at the holiday season; and to the Young Men's Christian Union we offer renewed thanks for the free carriage rides, so much enjoyed by the inmates.

Dr. John Butler is still untiring in his efforts to relieve the sick and suffering, and has endeared himself to all by his tenderness and skill.

Our efficient Matron, Mrs. Mayberry, is ever faithful in the discharge of her duties, and by her kindly sympathy and wise judgment makes for us truly a Home.

J. PLIMPTON, *Secretary.*

FRANCIS J. WARD, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH ROXBURY HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED WOMEN.

Dr.

April 1, 1898.		
To Balance of Account April 1, 1897		$10,189.34
Received of J. W. & B. L. Randall Charities Corporation	$1,000.00	
Income Estate Samuel S. Rogers	11.25	
Franklin Savings Bank	46.60	
Investments	3,601.82	
Subscriptions	185.00	
Board	226.00	
Expense Account	20.00	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	.20	
Sophia J. Snow Fund	954.31	
Gifford Fund	50.00	
William Whiting Fund	190.00	
Lowell Fund	110.00	
Caroline Porter Fund	260.00	
Adams Fund	158.00	
Donations	60.12	
Incidentals	37.67	
Admissions	950.00	7,860.97
		$18,050.31

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April 1, 1898.		
By a temporary investment in the International Trust Company		$3,000.00
Investment in a mortgage at 6 per cent.		5,000.00
Board	$489.17	
Salaries and wages	1,945.67	
Table supplies	2,648.22	
Expense account	1,746.10	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	60.00	
Water tax	30.00	
Children's aid	360.00	
Fuel and lights	443.70	
Boston Auxiliary Fire Alarm Co.	25.00	
Security Safe Deposit Co.	15.00	
Incidentals	155.50	
Medicines	77.34	
House furnishings	136.99	
Printing Annual Report	66.46	
Balance to new account	1,851.16	10,050.31
		$18,050.31

Respectfully submitted,

BOSTON, April 1, 1898. FRANCIS JACKSON WARD, *Treasurer*.

Vouchers and accounts verified and found correct.

C. EDWIN MILES, *Auditor*.

ROXBURY, April 14, 1898.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

* Mr. Aaron H. Bean.
Mrs. Augustus Parker.
Miss Annie M. Haines.
Miss H. F. Holden.

LIFE MEMBERS, $50.00.

Mrs. N. J. Bowditch.
*Mrs. Olive E. Hayden.
Mrs. David P. Kimball.
Mrs. Henry S. Shaw.
*Mrs. Jeremiah Plimpton.
Mrs. Sophie E. Copeland.
Mrs. H. A. Root.
Mrs. W. A. Root.
Rev. W. H. Lyon.
Mrs. Emily L. Couthouy.
Mrs. L. F. Tripp.
Mrs. Francis J. Ward.
Mrs. K. P. Fletcher.
Miss Eleanor G. May.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

ONE DOLLAR AND UPWARDS.

1897–98.

Appleton, Mrs. Mary G.

Bacon, Augustus
Bacon, Miss Mary P.
Bacon, Mrs. William
Badger, Mrs. M. A.
Bartlett, Miss Mary H.
Barton, Mrs. William
Basford, Mrs. Henry
Basto, Mrs. M. A.
Bayley, Mrs. M. R.
Beaman, Mrs. N. P.
Bird, Mrs. L. J.
Bolles, Mrs. C. H.
Bolster, Mrs. Solomon A.
Bosworth, Mrs. D. P.
Bradford, Mrs. C. F.
Bradstreet, Mrs. C. A.
Bray, Mrs. C. F.
Brewster, Mrs. Benjamin, $5.
Brigham, Miss Lucy T.
Brown, Atherton T., $5.
Bulger, Mrs. Anna
Bunker, Mrs. Cordelia

Call, Mrs. Norman, $2.
Carr, Mrs. Albert E.
Carr, John

* Deceased.

Carr, Mrs. John
Childs, Mrs. Sara V. D.
Clapp, Miss Abbie
Clapp, Miss Antoinette
Clapp, Mrs. Eugene H., $5.
Clapp, Mrs. Howard
Clarke, Mrs. Mary L., $2.
Cushing, Mrs. James

Dary, Mrs. G. A.
Davenport, Mrs. Orlando H.
Dawson, Miss Sarah
Dean, Miss Lillian F.
Dennison, Mrs. E. W.
Dennison, Mrs. H. B., $5.
De Normandie, Mrs. James
Dillaway, Mrs. Charles K.

Edson, Mrs. P. O'M.
Eliot, Miss Emily B.
Eliot, Miss Mary L.
Emmons, Mrs. Henry, $3.

Fairbairn, Robert B.
Forbes, Mrs. H. D.
Foster, Mrs. Anna S.
Fowle, Miss Helen A.

Gage, Miss Catherine A.
Green, Mrs. Frank E.
Gregory, Mrs. George W., $2.
Guild, Mrs. James, $10.
Guild, Mrs. Rebecca

Haines, Miss A. M.
Hall, Mrs. Solomon, $2.
Harmon, Mrs. Ivory
Harrington, Miss I. D.
Harrington, Miss M. S.
Harvey, Mrs. Charles C.
Hayward, Mrs. J. W.
Heath, Miss Elizabeth
Hemenway, Mrs. A.

Hill, Mrs. Charles W., $2.
Hoadley, Mrs. J. C.
Hobbs, Miss Alice A.
Hobbs, Mrs. George M.
Hodgdon, Mrs. David M., $2.
Hodges, Mrs. Danforth C.
Holden, Miss H. F.
Homer, Mrs. T. J.
Homer, Thomas J.
Howard, Miss H. S., $3.
Humphreys, R. C.
Humphreys, Mrs. R. C.
Hunneman, Mrs. S. H.

Ingell, Miss Mary A.
Ireson, Mrs. Wesley

Jackson, Mrs. A. C.
Jarvis, Mrs. A. F.

Keene, Mrs. Simeon W.
Kellogg, Mrs. George F.
Kemp, Mrs. John S.
Kennard, Miss H. C.
Kimball, Mrs. Augusta C.
Kittredge, Mrs. William P.

Lamson, Mrs. Joseph
Lane, Mrs. Benjamin P.
Lawrence, H. P.
Leland, Mrs. William S.
Loring, Mrs. S. H.

Martin, Mrs. Henry A., $5.
McIntosh, Mrs. A. S.
McIntosh, Miss Jennie
Meredith, Mrs. Joseph H.
Miles, Dr. C. E.
Miles, Mrs. C. E.
Monroe, Mrs. George H.
Morrill, Mrs. George
Morse, Mrs. Lewis W.

Nazro, Mrs. Fred H.
Nazro, Miss M. W.
Nevers, Miss Lucy A.
Newell, Mrs. James M.
Newell, Mrs. James W.
Noble, John
Noble, Mrs. John
Norton, Mrs. J. H.

Otis, Mrs. Harriet B.

Paine, William A.
Parker, Mrs. Augustus
Parker, Miss M. E.
Pettee, Mrs. Seth, $2.
Pierce, Miss M. E.
Plimpton, Mrs. Charles H.
Plimpton, Mrs. T. M.
Pollock, Mrs. Charles
Potter, Mrs. S. Allen

Revere, Mrs. Henry
Reynolds, Miss Annie F.
Reynolds, Edward B.
Rice, Mrs. George Woods
Rogers, Miss Laura D.
Rogers, Miss Susan S., $3.

Sargent, Mrs. Epes, $5.
Shannon, Miss Mattie A. S.
Smith, Miss A. E.
Smith, George B.
Smith, Mrs. Phineas B.
Smith, Miss S. L., $5.
Smythe, Mrs. J. K.
Soren, John
Soren, Miss Grace E.
Souther, Horatio H.
Swett, Miss Eliza G.
Swett, Miss Ellen L.
Swift, Mrs. C. L.

Thacher, Miss C. B.
Thompson, Mrs. Augustus C., $3.
Townsend, E. B.
Townsend, Mrs. John
Tripp, Frank F.
Tripp, Miss Marion C.
Tuttle, Mrs. Thomas W.

Wadsworth, Mrs. G. W.
Waite, Mrs. Edwin
Waldron, Rev. D. W.
Waldron, Miss Mary R.
Ward, Mr. Francis J.
Ware, Mrs. Leonard
Waterman, Mrs. George H.
Wheelock, Mrs. J. Andrews
Wheelwright, Mrs. George, $5.
Wheelwright, Mrs. Josiah
White, Miss Laura B.
White, Miss Margaret U.
White, Miss S. D. H.
White, Mrs. Frederick O.
Williams, Mrs. R. B.
Wood, Henry
Worthington, Mrs. Roland
Wortman, Miss M. A.

Bequests to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women since April 1, 1884.

Mrs. Mary Vinton	$500.00
Miss Sarah Bradford	500.00
Mrs. Mehitable Adams	1,000.00
John H. Eastburn	3,000.00
Mrs. Catharine C. Humphreys	1,000.00
Benjamin F. Penniman	127.73
Mrs. Catharine L. Pray	500.00
Miss Sarah A. Hart	2,000.00
Joseph W. Tucker	500.00
Charles G. Emmons	500.00
Stephen Williams	38,710.61
Miss Mary Williams	5,000.00
Mrs. Ellen M. Gifford	1,000.00
Mrs. Mary W. Hollingsworth	400.00
Miss Susan Weld	300.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams	900.00
Mrs. Caroline P. Adams, additional	100.00
Miss Anna Cabot Lowell	2,000.00
Mrs. Sophia J. Snow	10,000.00
Miss Susan Seaver	500.00
Mrs. Sarah B. Curtis	1,000.00
J. W. and B. L. Randall	1,000.00
Charities Corporation	

We are constantly in receipt of gifts from our friends in many ways, and we gratefully acknowledge them. Among the names of those who have so kindly remembered us are: —

Rev. F. W. Hamilton.
Mrs. Copeland.
Mrs. Dean.
Miss Dean.
Mrs. Robinson.
Mrs. George M. Hobbs.
Miss S. D. H. White.
Miss Haines.
Mrs. Miles.
Benevolent Society First Church.
Miss Jarvis.
Rev. D. W. Waldron.
Mrs. Bowers.
Mr. Slocum.
Mrs. Sylvanus Cobb.
Mrs. Carr.
Mrs. George Waterman.
Mr. Henry Wood.
Mrs. Robert Bell.
Mrs. Glover.
Mrs. Kelton.
Mrs. Walter Bicknell.
Benevolent Society, All Souls' Church.
Mrs. Dennison.
Mrs. Morse.
Mrs. Ward.
Mrs. Wellington.
Miss Helen Fowle.
Miss Jennie Weston.
Mrs. Hunneman.
Miss McIntosh.
Mrs. Clapp.
Mrs. Storer.
Mrs. Spencer.

To the Editor of the *Saturday Evening Gazette* we return thanks for the paper during the year.

MUSIC.

We would especially thank those who have made our Sunday services so pleasing by the addition of music. Clubs and quartettes of young people have visited the Home at various times, and the entertainments given have been much enjoyed by all. Among those to whom we are indebted are: —

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.
Mrs. Boyden.
Mrs. Stevenson.
Miss Lancaster.
Mrs. Alpene.
Misses Smythe.
Mrs. T. M. Plimpton.
Miss Edith Plimpton.
Miss Smith.
Miss Tetlow.
First Church Choir.
Mrs. Baldwin.
Miss Emery.
Mr. Basford.
Mrs. McLain.
Mrs. Mayo.
Mrs. Cambridge.
Mrs. F. O. White.
Miss Hunneman.
Miss Fowle.
Mr. William Ames Slade.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Every Sunday afternoon at 4 P.M., excepting during the months of July and August, a religious service is held, to which our neighbors and friends are cordially invited, and which is much enjoyed by the members of the family. To the following friends, both ministers and laymen, who have so kindly assisted in conducting these services, we would give renewed thanks: —

Rev. William Taylor.
Mrs. Howes.
Rev. William Campbell.
Rev. Chas. L. Page.
Rev. Herbert White.
Deacon Day.
Rev. C. H. Beal.
Rev. James De Normandie.
Rev. Solon W. Bush.
Rev. Albert H. Plumb.
Rev. William Rogers.
Rev. J. J. Dunlop.
Rev. Ralph M. Hunt.
Rev. William Perkins.
Rev. William Naber.
Rev. Dr. Barton.
Rev. F. F. Wright.
Rev. Mr. Cate.
Mr. Azariah Smith.
Rev. W. H. Bolster.
Mrs. Cheney.
Mr. Lewis Morse.
Rev. D. W. Waldron.

Rev. Walter E. C. Smith visited the Home and administered the communion to the family April 19, 1897.

INMATES.

Entered the Home.	Name.	Date of Birth.
October, 1896	Mrs. Caroline White	Oct. 21, 1812
June, 1897	Miss Lucy Ann Forsaine	Nov. 1, 1813
September, 1894	Mrs. Louise W. Gibson	March 29, 1814
May, 1894	Miss Elizabeth E. Clark	March 29, 1814
February, 1893	Mrs. Catharine Stark	Dec. 25, 1814
July, 1896	Miss Caroline D. Montaigne	Feb. 8, 1815
November, 1891	Miss Anna D. Fiske	Feb. 12, 1815
July, 1895	Mrs. Eudora A. J. Merrill	Jan. 2, 1816
October, 1880	Miss M. Louise Crawley	Apr. 12, 1816
November, 1871	Mrs. Eliza R. Carson	June 11, 1816
May, 1891	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Colley	Aug. 10, 1816
September, 1889	Miss Jane Peer	Feb. 17, 1817
January, 1892	Mrs. Abby B. Child	March 7, 1817
February, 1891	Miss Prudence S. Nichols	Oct. 14, 1818
October, 1896	Mrs. Mary Ann Barbrick	May 24, 1820
May, 1896	Mrs. Delia A. Thurston	Jan. 14, 1821
January, 1885	Mrs. Sally A. Wormwood	Jan. 27, 1821
September, 1889	Mrs. Tencie W. Rogers	May 25, 1822
May, 1888	Mrs. Sarah B. Noyes	Sept. 7, 1822
November, 1896	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Bayer	Feb. 1, 1823
January, 1892	Miss Maria Hanscom	July 3, 1823
November, 1896	Miss Ann T. Pollard	March 11, 1824
June, 1895	Mrs. Cordelia M. Lewis	Nov. 1, 1824
February, 1888	Mrs. Elizabeth Frieze	Dec. 5, 1824
February, 1897	Mrs. Mary Pitts Peirce	Nov. 11, 1825
November, 1893	Mrs. Lucy R. Warren	Nov. 17, 1825
May, 1889	Miss Mary A. Dolan	March 8, 1827
December, 1897	Mrs. Lydia Ann Downes	Sept. 24, 1827
July, 1895	Miss Mary Nickelson	Oct. 26, 1828
June, 1897	Miss Mary Ann Nichols	Aug. 25, 1829
February, 1892	Miss Lucy R. Kirby	Sept. 25, 1829
October, 1894	Miss Louise M. Lewis	Oct. 2, 1829

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. James Ritchie, John Rogers, Charles K. Dillaway, and James Waldock, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury, for the purpose of providing for destitute children and aged females, and affording a temporary home for the same, with all the powers and subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of twenty thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of thirty thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 3. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, May 30, 1856.

Passed to be enacted.

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 31, 1856.

Approved.

HENRY J. GARDNER.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, June 3, 1856.

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS DEWITT,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

[CHAPTER 199.]

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR.

AN ACT

To change the name of the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the corporation known as the "Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury" is changed to the "Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women."

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

JOHN E. SANFORD, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, April 23, 1874.

Passed to be enacted.

GEO. B. LORING, *President.*

April 24, 1874.

Approved.

W. B. WASHBURN.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 28, 1886.

A true copy.

Witness the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL.] DEPUTY HENRY J. COOLIDGE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE.

AN ACT

Enabling the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women to hold additional real and personal estate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter two hundred and forty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Children's Home and Home for Aged Females in Roxbury," is repealed, and the following is substituted in place thereof: Said corporation may take and hold real estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, and personal estate not exceeding the value of seventy-five thousand dollars, for the aforesaid charitable purposes.

SECT. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 12, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE A. MARDEN, *Speaker.*

IN SENATE, Feb. 14, 1883.

Passed to be enacted.

GEORGE G. CROCKER, *President.*

Feb. 15, 1883.

Approved.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT, March 1, 1883.

A true copy.

Attest: HENRY B. PEIRCE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

BY-LAWS.

ADOPTED APRIL 22, 1884.

ARTICLE I.

The corporation shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, all Life and Honorary Members, and of all such persons as shall have received, at any legal meeting of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast at such meeting, and shall pay such sum as shall be voted as the annual assessment. Membership to cease upon non-payment of the annual assessment.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the corporation, under the name of the "Board of Managers," shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, Auditor, and not more than thirty other persons, all of whom shall be members of the corporation. They shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and shall hold their offices for one year and until others are chosen and qualified. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill any vacancies occurring during the year.

ARTICLE III.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the corporation shall be holden on the fourth Tuesday of April; and the Board of Managers may call special meetings of the corporation whenever in their opinion expedient or desirable, and it shall be their duty to call them whenever requested in writing so to do by twenty members. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Boston at least four days previous to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the third Tuesday of every month, at such place and hour as they shall direct; and special meetings may be called at any time by the President, Vice-President, or Committee for the month. Notices of such special meetings shall state the object for which they are called. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV.

MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall have the entire government and control of the Home, and of the general business and property of the Association. They may choose committees from their own members on Finance, Supplies, Repairs, Admissions, and such other committees as may be necessary to perform any special duties. They shall have full power to take any measure which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the corporation; and they shall make an annual report to the corporation, on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the Home, and give an abstract of their doings for the year.

ARTICLE V.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

There shall be a Committee of one or more from the Board of Managers for every month, whose duty it shall be to visit the Home at least once a week, ascertain all needs, make fitting suggestions, give orders for necessary purchases, and submit their report at the succeeding monthly meeting. They shall also have supervision over outside beneficiaries.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer under the direction of the Committee on Finance shall have the charge and care of the finances, shall receive all moneys due, and shall pay all bills which have been approved by the Board of Managers of their authorized committees. He shall render an account annually to the corporation and quarterly to the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE VII.

AUDITOR.

The auditor shall, in the month of April of every year, audit the account of the Treasurer, examine the property of the corporation, and append his report to the Treasurer's annual statement.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Managers, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each, with the names of those present at Board meetings,

and shall notify the members of the Visiting Committee of their term of service, and shall bring to the attention of the Board all communications requiring action.

ARTICLE IX.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Any person who shall contribute the sum of $50 may become a Life Member by a vote of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X.

ADMISSION OF INMATES.

Preference shall be given to those applicants who are residents of that part of Boston formerly known as Roxbury. The Managers may, if they deem it expedient, aid beneficiaries at their own home.

ARTICLE XI.

DONATIONS.

All sums received by the Association as donations or bequests, unless the donor or testator shall otherwise prescribe, and all moneys collected, including subscriptions, may be applied to the current expenses of the Institution, or to create or increase a permanent fund, or be otherwise invested at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

AMENDMENTS.

The foregoing By-laws may be altered, amended, or added to by a vote of a majority of the members present at any legal meeting of the corporation, notice thereof having been given of the change proposed in the call of said meeting.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

The visitors for the month shall visit the Home not less than once a week. It shall be their duty to see the inmates, inquire into their condition, and give such encouragement and advice as may be in their power or the circumstances of the case seem to require. The Committee shall have the general oversight of the Matron and the concerns of the family. They shall ascertain the needs of the Institution, and direct the purchase of such articles as may be required for its temporary welfare and comfort. They shall see that the Matron conforms to the rules as to her own conduct and that of the family, and they shall make a monthly report to the Managers of the Institution.

ARTICLE II.

MATRON.

The Matron, under direction of the Visiting Committee, shall have charge of the house. She shall in no case be absent during the night without permission from the Visiting Committee. She shall enforce the rules and regulations of the Managers, and carry out such others as may be prescribed by the Visiting Committee. She shall be present at meals, see that they are properly served, and that all the inmates who are in health are present, and that suitable food be prepared for the sick. She shall report to the Visiting Committee the names of all applicants and the date of application, and, if presents be made to the Institution, the names of the persons making them, and the character of the donation. She shall at all times maintain the respect due to her station, and by kindness, attention, and judicious treatment endeavor to gain the esteem and secure the comfort and happiness of all those under her care. If improper conduct is observed in any member of the family, she shall, after the first offence, report the same to the Visiting Committee. She will, under the direction of the Visiting Committee, have the direction of nurses, domestics, and all other employees in the building. It shall be her duty to see that neatness and good conduct prevail in every part of the establishment, and that all unnecessary fires and lights are extinguished by 9.30 P.M.

ARTICLE III.

ON ADMISSIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to visit each applicant and inquire into her circumstances and character, and make a full report to the Board in writing in regard to those deemed by them proper persons for admission to the Home, always accompanied with a certificate from a physician of good standing that he has examined the applicant, and that she has no physical or mental infirmity that should preclude her admission. The Board shall, in all cases, decide upon the admission of candidates. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Admissions to keep a record, in which shall be entered the names of all applicants, their respective ages, places of birth and residence, by whom recommended, date of application, and such other information as may be of importance. No person shall be admitted as an inmate of the Home without a recommendation from this Committee.

SECT. 2. No person shall be admitted to the Home unless of American parentage, except by a majority of all the Managers present and voting at a regular meeting; and preference shall always be given to natives or residents of Roxbury.

SECT. 3. Persons under sixty-five years of age shall not be eligible. In the admission of all persons, they shall be received on probation of three months, at the expiration of which the Board of Managers shall act definitely on the case of each one so received; and, if not confirmed as permanent inmates, the admission fee, deducting three dollars per week, shall be returned.

SECT. 4. The Board of Managers may by vote admit inmates on such terms as the pecuniary condition of the corporation or the circumstances of any peculiar case may seem to demand. Until otherwise ordered, three hundred dollars shall be the fee for admission. Furniture and other articles brought into the house by or for permanent inmates must remain for the benefit of the Home.

SECT. 5. The Board of Managers have the right at any time to discharge and remove from the Home any inmate who has been guilty of disobedient or disorderly conduct, or who, in their judgment, has by her conduct rendered such action necessary for the best interests of the Institution, *provided*, however, that no vote of removal shall be passed, unless the intention to pass such vote shall have been inserted in the notice calling the meeting.

SECT. 6. Inmates who have property must secure the same to the corporation before admission; and, in case of money or other property coming into their possession after their admission, by inheritance, bequest, or otherwise, they must, if they continue in the Home, make the same over to the corporation upon the demand of the Board of Managers.

SECT. 7. Inmates will be required in all cases to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Home, as provided by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IV.

INMATES.

SECTION 1. The inmates will be required at all times to treat the Matron and Visiting Committee with deference and respect. They will also endeavor, by quiet and gentle manners, to diffuse an air of cheerfulness and good feeling throughout the establishment; and, by acts of kindness and forbearance, to gain the esteem and promote the happiness and comfort of each other.

SECT. 2. Those who are able will be required to make their own beds and to keep their own rooms in order, neat and clean, and, under direction of the Matron, to assist those who are unable to do the same. They will also be expected to assist in domestic duties and in sewing, and generally to render all the services they can for the benefit of the Institution and the comfort of those inmates more helpless than themselves.

SECT. 3. No intoxicating drinks shall be used, except by order of the physician; and, in such cases, they must be administered by the Matron.

SECT. 4. All that is necessary for the comfort of the inmates of the Home will be provided from the funds of the Association. No inmate, therefore, will, on any account, be permitted to leave the Institution to solicit assistance or procure work, unless by special permission from the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 5. No inmate will be allowed to interfere with the Matron or to obstruct her in the discharge of her duties, but any one having cause of complaint must present the same to the Visiting Committee.

SECT. 6. If any inmate desires to visit her friends or to go off the premises at any time, permission must be obtained of the Matron, who, before granting the same, must ascertain where the person wishes to go and how long she proposes to be absent.

SECT. 7. All of the inmates who are able will take their meals at the regular table provided for them, and will also attend the Sunday service held for them in the parlor each Sunday afternoon.

ARTICLE V.

Visitors may be permitted any day in the week between the hours of 10 and 12 A.M. and 2 and 6 P.M., and on Sundays after 2 o'clock P.M.

ARTICLE VI.

These Rules and Regulations may be altered, amended, or abrogated, and others prescribed at any regular meeting of the Board of Managers; and, to insure harmony, strict attention should be paid to them.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Roxbury Home for Children and Aged Women, now located on Burton Avenue, Roxbury, in the city of Boston, Mass., the sum of..... dollars, to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Home.